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SUBJECT: FELDMESSER VISIT, DISCUSSIONS WITH MHE AND NATIONAL
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1. IN HIGHLY PRODUCTIVE MEETING AT NATIONAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE
ON HIGHER EDUCATION JUNE 18 FELDMESSER AND INSTITUTE'S
VICE DIRECTOR V.M. KUZNETSOV REACHED AGREEMENT ON DETAILS FOR
FIRST BILATERAL SEMINAR ON HIGHER EDUCATION.

2. FELDMESSER AND KUZNETSOV AGREED ON FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. FIRST SEMINAR WILL BE HELD IN PRINCETON IN MID MARCH 1976.
ALTHOUGH KUZNETSOV PROPOSED NOVEMBER FELDMESSER NOTED THAT
LATER DATE BETTER IN ORDER GIVE AMERICAN PARTICIPANTS TIME
TO ADEQUATELY PREPARE. KUZNETSOV AGREED.

B. SEMINAR WOULD DEAL WITH TOPICS ONE AND FOUR OF REFTTEL.
ON TOPIC #1 SOVIETS INTERESTED IN DISCUSSING HOW
SEARCH FOR TALENT IS CONDUCTED, ORGANIZED AND WHAT IS ITS
SCOPE. ON TOPIC #4 SOVIETS WISH DISCUSS MEANS OF MAKING
EQUIVALENCES BETWEEN U.S. AND SOVIET ACADEMIC DEGREES.
KUZNETSOV POINTED OUT THAT WITH GROWING CLOSER RELATIONS
BETWEEN U.S. AND SOVIET ACADEMIC WORLDS THIS IS PRACTICAL
AS WELL AS THEORETICAL PROBLEM. FELDMESSER REPLIED THAT
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TOPIC SHOULD BE EXPANDED TO INCLUDE MEANS OF EVALUATING

EDUCATION ACQUIRED OUTSIDE FORMAL INSTITUTIONS OF LEARNING. IT WAS AGREED THAT EACH SIDE WOULD PREPARE ONE PAPER EACH ON EACH OF THE TWO TOPICS FOR A TOTAL OF FOUR PAPERS TO BE DELIVERED AT THE SEMINAR. PAPERS WOULD BE EXCHANGED BY MID JANUARY AND EMBASSY IN MOSCOW AGREES TO ACT AS MIDDLEMAN. SOVIETS WILL DELIVER THEIR PAPERS TO U.S. EMBASSY MOSCOW TO BE FORWARDED ETS AND ETS WILL DELIVER THEIRS TO DEPT. FOR TRANSMITTAL TO EMBASSY AND TURN OVER TO INSTITUTE. EACH SIDE WOULD DO ITS OWN TRANSLATION OF THE OTHER'S PAPERS. PAPERS ARE TO BE NO MORE THAN 25 PAGES IN LENGTH.

C. SEMINAR INCLUDING VISITS TO OTHER INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION WOULD BE THREE WEEKS IN LENGTH. SOVIETS REQUESTED VISITS TO MIT, HARVARD AND POSSIBLY BERKELEY AND STANFORD. FELDMESSER AGREED TO CONSIDER THESE AND SAID ADDITIONAL OR SUBSTITUTE SITES WOULD ALSO BE OFFERED AT A LATER DATE.

D. SENDING SIDE WOULD PAY COSTS OF INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORTATION AND RECEIVING SIDE WOULD PAY FOR DOMESTIC TRAVEL AND ACCOMODATIONS.

E. EACH DELEGATION WOULD CONSIST OF FROM SIX TO EIGHT PEOPLE. SOVIET DELEGATION WOULD INCLUDE THREE SCHOLARS FROM INSTITUTE, POSSIBLY KUZNETSOV AND PROFESSORS FILIPOV AND AKACHEV WHO ALSO ATTENDED MEETING WITH FELDMESSER, POSSIBLY ONE OTHER SCHOLAR FROM OTHER INSTITUTE CONCERNED WITH EDUCATIONAL COUNSELING, EDUCATIONAL ADMINISTRATORS AND A REPRESENTATIVE FROM MHE.

F. SEMINAR SESSIONS WILL BE CONDUCTED IN BOTH RUSSIAN AND ENGLISH AND THE RECEIVING SIDE WILL SUPPLY TRANSLATORS.

3. EMBASSY PROPOSES TO TRANSMIT ABOVE POINTS IN LETTER FORM AS DOCUMENT OF RECORD AND INFORMAL AGREEMENT TO INSTITUTE WITH COPY TO MHE, ETS AND DEPT. PLEASE ADVISE.

4. FELDMESSER MET WITH SEMYONOV JUNE 17 AT WHICH TIME GENERAL OUTLINES OF PROJECT WERE DISCUSSED. SUBSEQUENT MEETING WITH KUZNETSOV AND COLLEAGUES AT INSTITUTE ON JUNE 18 INDICATED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THAT INSTITUTE WELL BRIEFED ON OUR PORPOSAL AND WELL PREPARED TO DISCUSS AND AGREE TO DETAILED PROPOSALS UPON FELDMESSER'S ARRIVAL. IN FACT, MEETING AT INSTITUTE WHICH EMBASSY AND FELDMESSER THOUGHT WOULD BE FIRST OF SERIES OF SESSIONS NECESSARY TO EXPLAIN PROPOSAL AND HAMMER OUT DETAILS TURNED INTO ALMOST PRO FORMA RATIFYING SESSION OF AGREEMENT. CONSEQUENTLY NO FURTHER WORKING SESSIONS BETWEEN FELDMESSER OR SOVIETS NEEDED OR PLANNED AND ONLY FORMAL PROTOCOL VISITS

MAY BE MADE ON MHE'S BOGOMOLOV, WHO TO DATE HAS PLAYED
NO ROLE IN DISCUSSIONS. FELDMESSER WILL DEPART MOSCOW
FOR LONDON JUNE TWENTY-THREE, TWO DAYS EARLIER THAN
PLANNED.
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